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E.U.S.S. HIGH COMMAND, PRESENT:

Thorlief Galmen, a man enrolled in the European Super-Soldier Program spirals into a psychological delusion, believing that he is a Norse god lost among men. Professor Braddock, the head of the program, can't determine the source of the subject's problem and recruits Dr. Blake for help. Dr. Blake claims that the patient is remembering.

ASGARD, AGES AGO:

Thor has been given Mjolnir, a weapon so powerful he has become virtually unstoppable. It is a heavy burden, and one that Thor is uneasy carrying. Meanwhile after the Frost Giants' defeat, Thor's half-brother, Loki, plots trickery.

NAZI GERMANY, 1939:

Baron Zemo has enlisted the help of the Frost Giants to overthrow the Kingdom of Asgard. In their first assault they are barred from entering by Mighty Heimdall, the Asgardian that protects the road to Asgard. Baron Zemo kills Heimdall, and in doing so reveals his true identity: Loki, Lord of Chaos.



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DRINK.



DRINK
DEEPLY.



DRINK
THE BLOOD OF
VANQUISHED
REIMPELL.

FEEL
IT FLOWING THROUGH
YOUR VEINS...INCREASING
AWARENESS--STRENGTHENING
HEART AND BONE.



HARNESS IT--
COMBINE IT--WITH
THE POWER OF OPIN
RESIDING IN THE
REMAINING BORN
STONES.



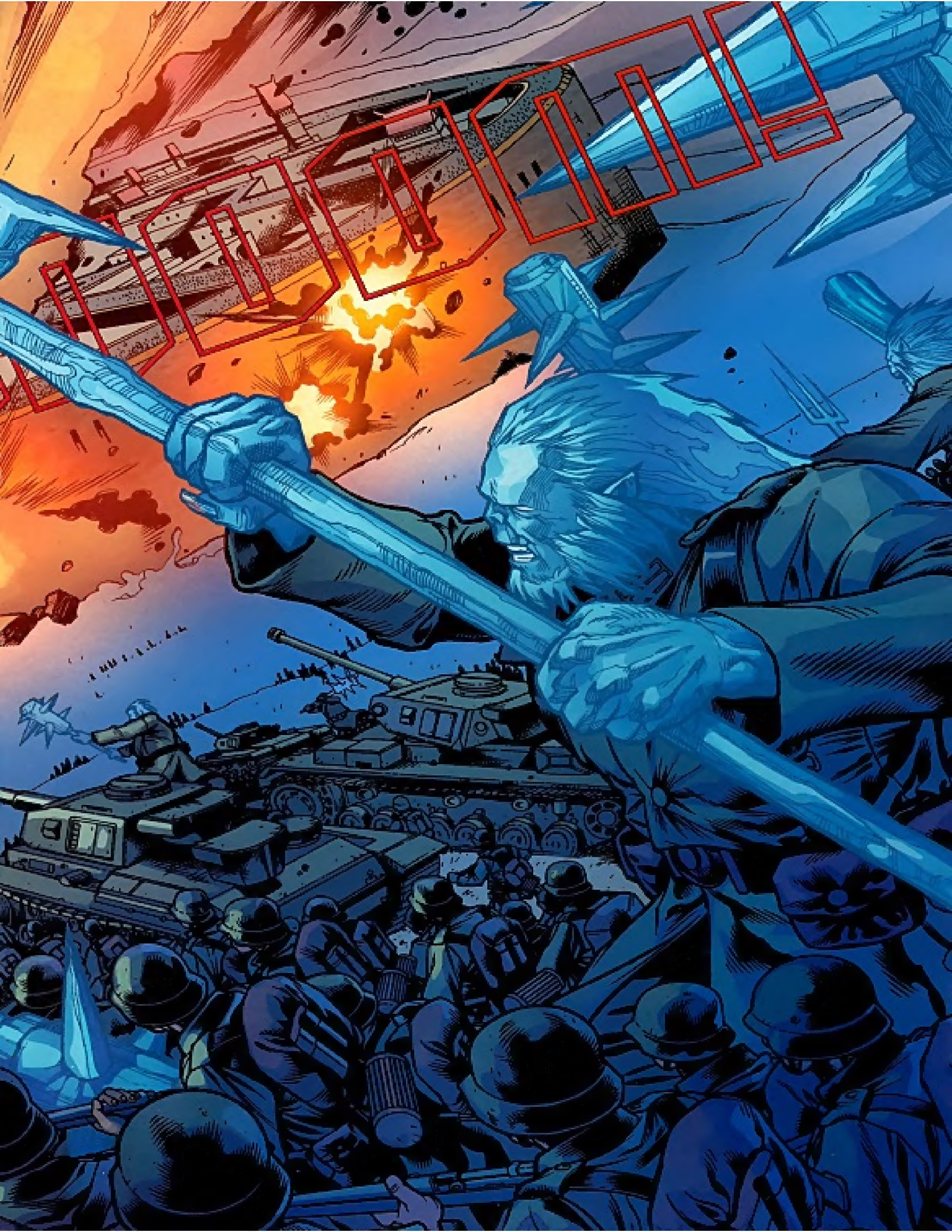
TOGETHER!
THE GREAT
MACHINERY OF
MODERNITY AND
THE GIANTS OF
JOTUNHEIM.

TOGETHER!
IN UNITY OF
PURPOSE...

FOR
OUR TIME
IS NOW.







ASGARD.

1950.



ASGARD.
AGES AGO.



ODIN'S CHAMBERS.





UARR...



OR,
BALDER...
I NEVER
MEANT...
I
NEVER...

YOU
SOUND FULL OF
REGRET, BROTHER.
BUT IT IS
FLEETING...

AND NOT
YOUR TRUE
NATURE.

YOU
WERE GRIM.
ALWAYS
GRIM...

...AND
NOW
LOST.

I AM
NOT.

I AM
WHO I HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN.
IT IS ASGAR
THAT CHANGED
AROUND ME.



KAFF! I WAS A FOOL
TO HOLD OUT HOPE...
I HAD HOPED... I
KNEW YOU WOULD
BE HERE...

I'VE
KNOWN IT ALL
ALONG.

YOU COULD
NO MORE AVOID
THE FACT YOU ARE
ON THE HOT BREASTS
AND I HAVE ALWAYS
SEEN WHO YOU
REALLY ARE.



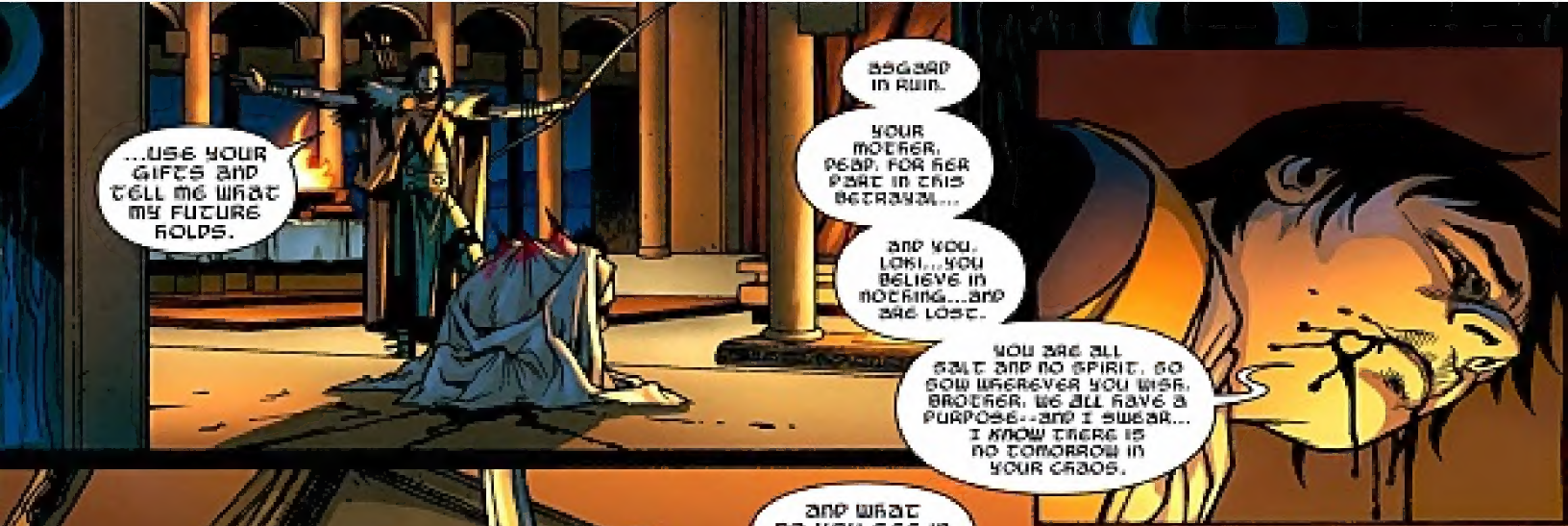
AND NOW
IS THAT,
BALDER?



I AM ODIN'S
ALL-SEEING EYE.
THE FATE AHEAD
ARE NO MYSTERY
TO ME.



THEN
TELL ME,
BROTHER...





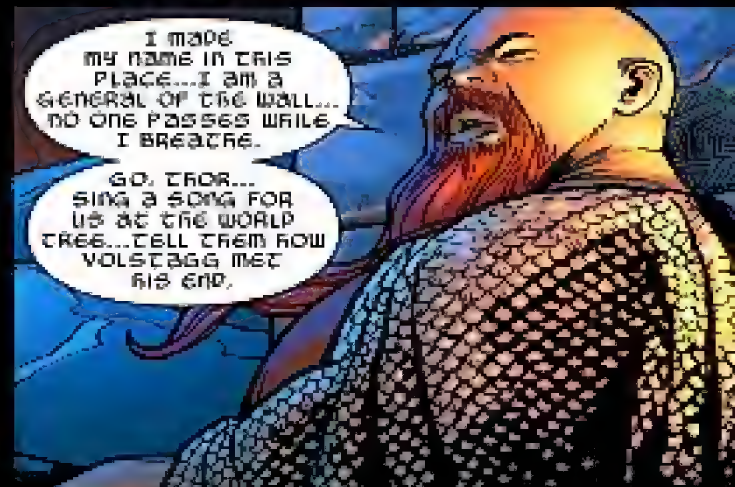


ROGUN, YOU
AND FANDRAL SEE
THE MEN ON
THEIR WAY.



THEY CAN
SEE THEMSELVES
OFF. OLD FRIEND...MY
SWORD REMAINS
SHARP.

YOU MEAN
TO COVER THEIR
REAR?

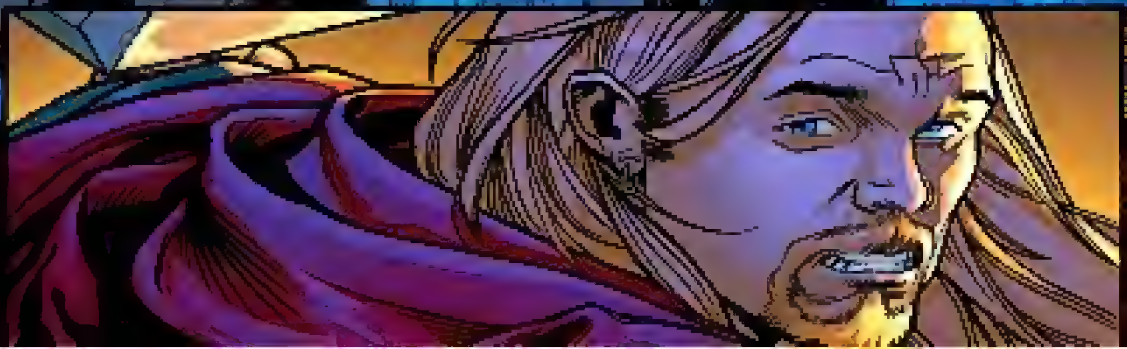


I MADE
MY NAME IN THIS
PLACE...I AM A
GENERAL OF THE WALL...
NO ONE PASSES WHILE
I BREATHE.

GO, THEN...
SING A SONG FOR
US AS THE WORLD
TREMES...TELL THEM HOW
VOLSTAGG MET
HIS END.



AND THAT
HE DID NOT
MEET IT
ALONE.





FOR
ASGARD!

now

IN MY
OPINION, THE
SITUATION...IS
NOT GOOD.

YOU HAVE TO
UNDERSTAND, DR.
BLAKE...FOR ALL HIS
INGENUITY, MY FATHER
REMAINS A PRAGMATIC
MAN. I THINK HE'S GOING
TO SCRAP THE ENTIRE
PROGRAM.

AND I
SAY THIS BECAUSE
I'VE WITNESSED IT
MANY TIMES, BRIAN...
MOST CHILDREN
UNDERESTIMATE
THEIR PARENTS.

THEY MISTAKE
PRAGMATISM AS
A LACK OF IDEALISM.
NOTHING COULD
BE FURTHER FROM
THE TRUTH.

I HAVE
CONCERNS...

I'M
NOT INSANE,
PROFESSOR
BRADDOCK.

SOME THINGS
ARE NOT FOR THE
FAINT-HEARTED.

OH, THE
TESTS HAVE MADE
THAT ABUNDANTLY
CLEAR...AND YET--FOR
SOME REASON--I CAN'T
SEEM TO GET ON BOARD
WITH THE IDEA THAT
YOU'RE A GOD
REBORN AS MAN.

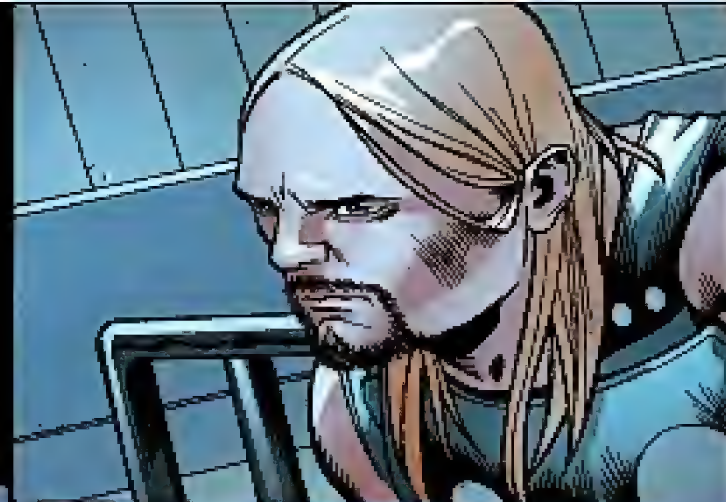
HOW COULD
ANY RATIONAL
PERSON BE
EXPECTED
TO?

HERE'S THE THING, THOU...IT'S MY
JOB TO BE ON THE CUTTING EDGE
OF SOCIETAL PROGRESS. ALL OF US
HERE AT THE U.S.S. ARE ENGINEERING
THE NEXT GREAT STEP IN HUMAN
EVOLUTION.

WE DO
THIS--I DO THIS--
BECAUSE I NOT ONLY
SEE THE CAPABILITIES OF
WHAT MAN CAN BE, BUT THE
GREAT DAMAGE THAT HE
CAN DO AS WELL. WE
STEER THE SHIP.

SO, AS
I SAID...I HAVE
CONCERNS.

AND WITHOUT
ASSURANCES, THERE
ARE RISKS I AM
SIMPLY UNWILLING
TO TAKE.

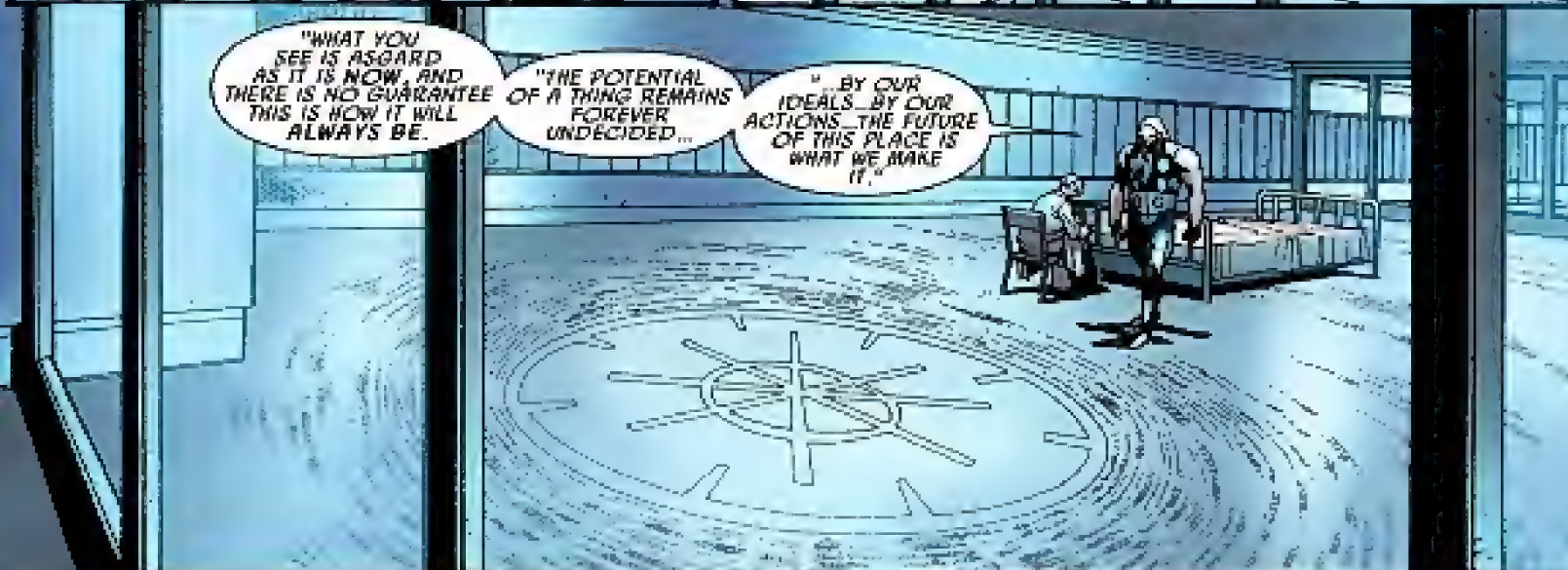


WHEN I WAS A BOY, MY FATHER TOOK ME TO THE TOP OF A GREAT MOUNTAIN. FROM THERE, WE COULD VIEW THE MAGNIFICENT BLACK SUN OF ASGARD SPREAD OUT BEFORE US.

HE SAID TO ME, "THOR, TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE." I REPLIED, "ASGARD, OUR HOME AND PLACE OF ETERNAL GREATNESS."

THEN HE STOOD THERE FOR A GREAT WHILE, SAYING NOTHING, UNTIL HE FINALLY UTTERED...

"IT IS AN ILLUSION."



"WHAT YOU SEE IS ASGARD AS IT IS NOW, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THIS IS HOW IT WILL ALWAYS BE."

"THE POTENTIAL OF A THING REMAINS FOREVER UNDECIDED..."

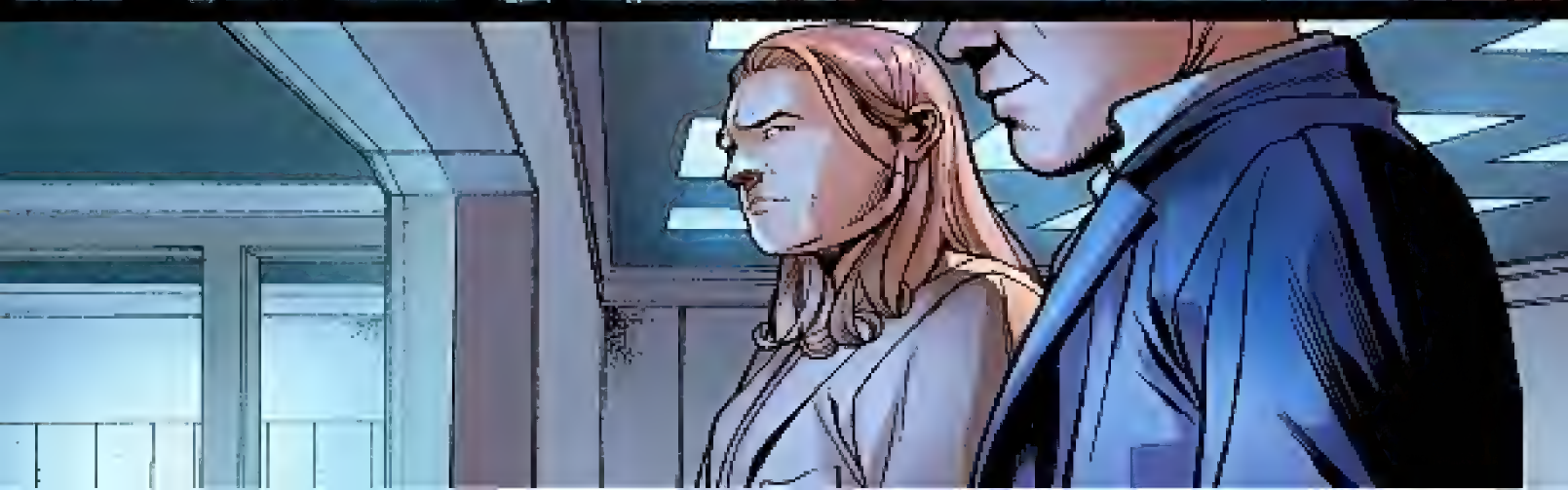
"...BY OUR IDEALS, BY OUR ACTIONS, THE FUTURE OF THIS PLACE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT."



WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ASK ME, PROFESSOR?



WILL YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT?



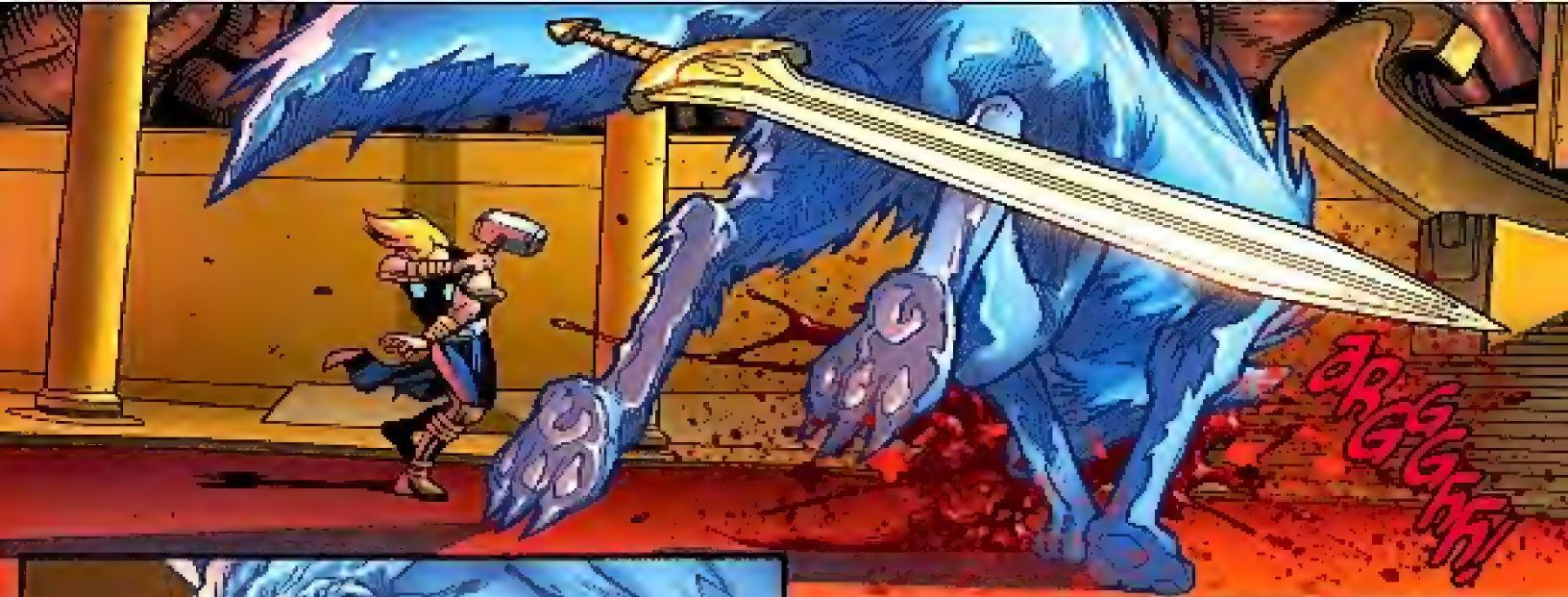














FATHER!





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